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SUBJECT:DRC MEETING, 1 FEBRUARY 1978: NATO FORCE PLANNING
DATA BASE

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1. US HAS CONSISTENTLY SUPPORTED THE CREATION OF AN
ADEQUATE FORCE PLANNING DATA BASE AT NATO HEADQUARTERS, FOR
USE IN BOTH MBFR STUDIES AND IN ANY FORCE ANALYSIS WHICH
MIGHT BE CALLED FOR AT NATO HEADQUARTERS. EXTENT OF US
SUPPORT HAS BEEN MANIFESTED BY LOAN OF US
TECHNICAL PERSONNEL TO INTERNATIONAL STAFF FOR EXTENDED
PERIODS FOR DATA BASE WORK. WE CONTINUE TO SEE NEED FOR
UPDATING DATA AS REQUIRED IN MBFR ACTIONS.

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2. WE ARE SOMEWHAT RELUCTANT HOWEVER TO JOIN IN FORWARDING
TEXT IN DRC/N(77)27 TO THE DEFENSE PLANNING COMMITTEE
WITHOUT BENEFIT OF INITIAL DISCUSSION IN DRC. WE SUGGEST
THAT DRC MEETING OF 1 FEBRUARY 1978, INsofar AS IT TAKES UP
THE DRAFT REPORT ATTACHED TO DRC/N(77)27, BE A DISCUSSION
MEETING TO DEAL WITH (A) WHAT IS THE PROBLEM AND (B) WHAT

ARE THE ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS. ON THE BASIS OF THESE
DISCUSSIONS, DELEGATIONS COULD THEN REQUEST/RECOMMEND
NATIONAL POSITIONS.

3. WE ARE ALSO CONCERNED THAT DRC ACTION TOUCHING ON
AUTOMATION AND TOTAL INFORMATION SYSTEMS BE
COORDINATED WITH NCCDPC AS APPROPRIATE.

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